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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

JOHN F. McHALE, et al.

Title:

COMMUNICATION SERVER APPARATUS PROVIDING XDSL SERVICES

AND METHOD

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** 

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this non-provisional utility divisional patent application entitled "COMMUNICATION SERVER APPARATUS PROVIDING XDSL SERVICES AND METHOD" by John F. McHale, Robert H. Locklear, Jr., and Robert M. Burke, II, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the application at Page 1, lines 3-6, by deleting it in its entirety and inserting the following therefor:

#-This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/891,893, filed July 14, 1997 by John F. McHale, Robert H. Locklear, Jr. and Robert M. Burke, II, pending; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/625,769, filed March 29, 1996 by John F. McHale entitled "Communication Server Apparatus and Method," now U.S. Patent No. 5,668,857, granted September 16, 1997.

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